

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of :
Hiroya OKUMURA et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Serial No. NEW : **Docket No. 2001-1255A**
Filed September 12, 2001 :
SEPARATOR FOR SOLID POLYMER
TYPE FUEL CELL AND PROCESS
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME : THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above identified application:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 17 and 18 as follows:

17. (Amended) A process for producing a separator for a solid polymer-type fuel cell, which comprises molding the resin composition recited in Claim 1 by a resin molding method.

18. (Amended) A process for producing a separator for a solid polymer-type fuel cell, which comprises kneading the resin composition recited in Claim 1 with a pressure kneader and molding the kneaded composition.

Please cancel without prejudice Claim 20.

REMARKS

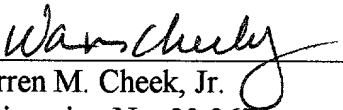
The claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies. In addition, claim 20 has been cancelled without prejudice as being a duplicate of rewritten claim 17.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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17. (Amended) A process for producing a [the] separator [recited in Claim 16] for a solid polymer-type fuel cell, which comprises molding the resin composition recited in Claim 1 by a resin molding method.

18. (Amended) A process [according to Claim 17,] for producing a separator for a solid polymer-type fuel cell, which [comprising] comprises kneading the resin composition recited in Claim 1 with a pressure kneader and molding the kneaded [one] composition.

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